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EMERGENCY RESTORATION ACTIONS – POWERHOUSE FIRE (ITEM 104-A, AGENDA OF JUNE 4, 2013)

On June 4, 2013, the Board ratified the proclamation of existence of a local emergency made on June 3, 2013, for the fire beginning in Los Angeles County (County) on May 30, 2013, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to provide status reports while the emergency restoration actions are underway. This report updates the activities that have taken place since May 30, 2013.

JUNE 4, 2013 – The Board of Supervisors sent a proclamation to Governor Edmund G. Brown requesting that assistance to the County Operational Area be granted under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

JUNE 6, 2013 – The Department of Public Works (DPW) conducted preliminary damage assessments of infrastructures, roadways, and private property in the communities of Green Valley, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes, and Elizabeth Lake.

JUNE 11, 2013 – Supervisor Antonovich's Office organized a Community Fire Recovery Workshop that was held at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary School. Agency representatives from Federal, State, and County governments provided information and direction for residents and community members.

JUNE 17, 2013 – A formal damage assessment was conducted in the impacted communities of the Unincorporated Areas of Castaic, Lake Hughes, and Green Valley.

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The assessment was performed by representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency-Small Business Administration (SBA), California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), DPW, and the County Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

JUNE 18, 2013 – A formal request for disaster assistance was sent to the SBA director, on behalf of Governor Brown, requesting that the County be declared a disaster area in order to provide assistance in the form of disaster loans for those adversely affected by the Powerhouse Fire.

JUNE 25, 2013 – OEM coordinated a Public Assistance Applicants Briefing and training session for all County departments and jurisdictions that may have incurred costs as a result of the Powerhouse Fire. This briefing provided information on the Cal EMA approved Fire Management Assistance Grant application procedures, cost eligibility, documentation requirements, payment processing, and deadlines specific to the Powerhouse Fire.

JUNE 25, 2013 – SBA approved Governor Brown's disaster assistance request.

JUNE 26, 2013 – SBA opened a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (Center) at the Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary School. The Center will remain open from June 26 to July 11, 2013, but will be closed on the July 4 holiday. SBA representatives will be available to answer questions about their disaster loan program. In addition, representatives will explain the application process, issue loan applications, and help individuals complete their application.

JUNE 27, 2013 - The SBA Center processed applications for three small business owners and one renter impacted by the Powerhouse Fire.

We will continue to provide updates of our recovery actions as our efforts progress. Should you have any questions of the information provided, you may contact Ronald Wade, OEM, at (323) 980-2270.

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